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Application No. 10/822040
Amendment dated November 17, 2005
Reply to Office Action of November 1, 2005

Docket No.: 013192.0101D1US

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, and 13 - 17 are pending in this application.

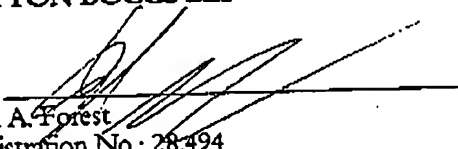
In an Office Action mailed November 1, 2005, the Examiner states "The reply filed on 2/9/01 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action ...". Applicant is unsure of to what reply the Examiner is referring. As the Examiner notes, this is a new case, being a divisional of US Patent Application Serial No. 10/040,756 filed December 29, 2001, now US Patent No. 6,776,743.

Also, the Examiner "questions whether a previous preliminary amendment has been filed since one does not exist on file." This was not entirely understood since a Preliminary Amendment was filed and it was not known how the Examiner would have otherwise known about claims 14 - 17. The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone conference on November 9, 2005 in which the Examiner informed him that the problem was that claims 14 - 17 had not been properly designated as "new" in the Preliminary Amendment. Pursuant to the telephone conference between the undersigned and the Examiner, claims 14 - 17 have been amended to reflect their proper status as "New".

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1848, under Order No. 013192.0101D1US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,
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